City of Gaithersburg Press Release

Contact: Public Information Director
City of Gaithersburg
301-258-6310
cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov

For Immediate Release

State of the City Address Celebrates Connections

Gaithersburg, Md. **(May 3, 2019)** Gaithersburg Mayor Jud Ashman and members of the City Council hosted the 2019 State of the City address on Thursday, April 25, at Asbury Methodist Village. More than 140 guests attended the reception and presentation, including civic partners who serve on City boards, commissions and committees, elected officials, community leaders, members of the media, and others whose involvement is invaluable to the Gaithersburg community. The event also served as the final activity for outgoing Junior Mayor Zayd Salahuddin and as the introduction for incoming Junior Mayor Diego Flores-Cerezo.

Mayor Ashman's address featured four stories that focused on serving and fostering connections, exploring how we as a City government create the backdrop of people's lives. His full remarks are available on the City's website here.

The State of the City event serves as the platform for the presentation of the City's annual Citizenship Awards. Longtime volunteer with Gaithersburg HELP and director of its Prescription Assistance Program, Janet Neumann, was presented with the 2019 Distinguished Citizen Award. The Outstanding Organization award was presented to the Kentlands Community Foundation for its commitment to fostering volunteerism and supporting the goals of new urbanism. The Distinguished Friend Award was presented to Mary Canapary, champion of the Lord's Table Soup Kitchen and supporter of some of our community's most vulnerable residents. Read the introductory remarks about them here.

The evening also featured "Change Makers," a video highlighting the contributions that our 2019 Citizenship Award winners have made to our community. The video of the entire evening's proceedings is available for viewing on the City's YouTube channel @GburgMD.

###